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MULTI-AGENCY HOTEL SWEEP NETS THREE ARRESTS AND 196 VIOLATIONS

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Code Enforcement, along with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), the Wayne Township Fire Department, and the Marion County Public Health Department recently partnered for a multi-agency hotel sweep, as part of an ongoing effort to combat nuisance properties.

“Our mission is to improve the quality of life in Indianapolis and we will continue to hold businesses to high standards for maintaining safe and livable environments for their guests,” said DCE Director Manuel Mendez. “This mission is made possible through the collaborative efforts of all those involved, and I thank them for their dedication and hard work.”

In total, 12 hotels were included in the sweep. Several hotels were identified using crime-tracking and licensing data, while others were follow-up inspections from an earlier sweep. During the sweep, IMPD crosschecked hotel registries against the City’s warrant database. Participating agencies also inspected rooms, common areas, and the overall hotel grounds.

Participating agencies cited 196 code, health, and fire violations ranging from missing smoke detectors to bed bug infestations. IMPD arrested two people on outstanding drug warrants and arrested a third person for an outstanding traffic warrant.

“These successful efforts create a lasting effect on making Indianapolis a safer place to live,” said Public Safety Director Troy Riggs. “We will continue to increase our partnerships as we work to ensure all our residents, and their visitors, enjoy the quality of life they deserve.”

“Our priority is to reduce crime, the fear of crime, and to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods,” said IMPD Chief Rick Hite. “By partnering with the community and other city agencies, we can create immediate and lasting success.”

For a complete list of violations, please click [here](#). For more information on DCE’s nuisance abatement initiatives, please visit www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DCE/nuisance/Pages/Nuisance-Abatement-Home.aspx.

The mission of the Department of Code Enforcement (DCE) is to improve the quality of life in the City of Indianapolis through strategic application of civil code regulation; effective licensing, permitting, inspection, enforcement, and abatement practices; and local government oversight of property safety and maintenance, business, event, professional, and construction industries.